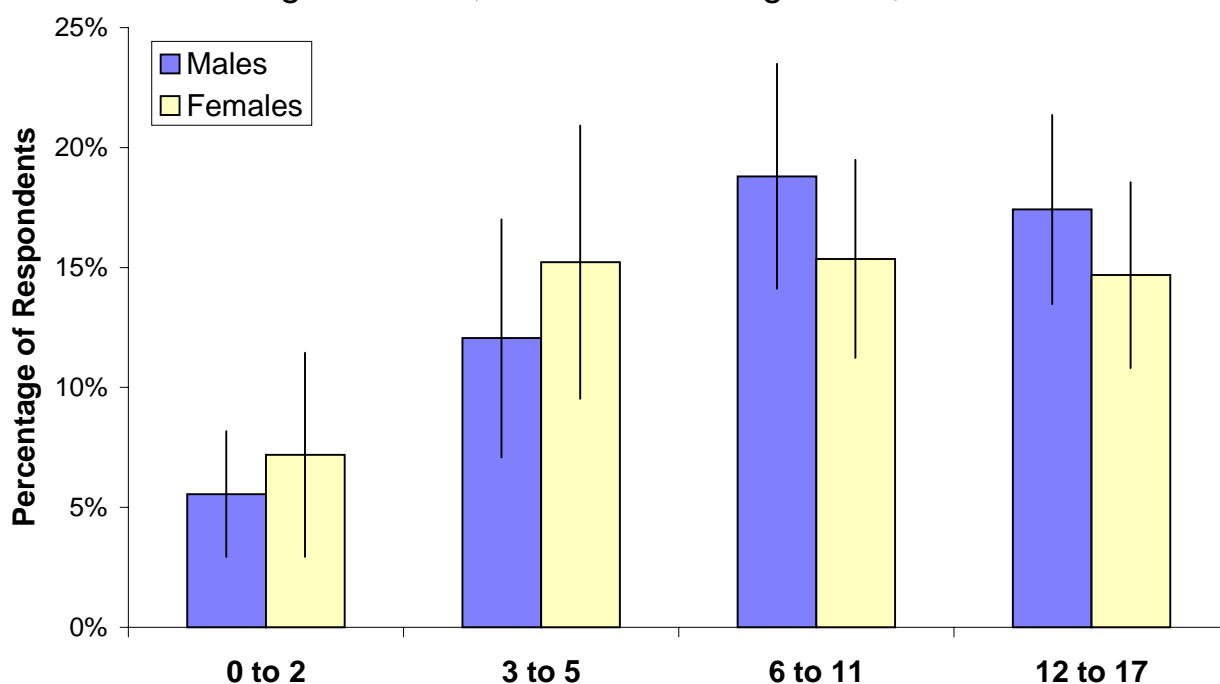


# Problems With Access to Health Care



### Percentage of Respondents Who Could Not Afford Medical, Dental, Eye Care, Mental Health Care or Other Services by Age and Sex, Utah Children Age 0-17, 2000



- Parents were asked about the reasons they delayed or had problems getting needed health care (including medical, dental, mental health, or some other type of care) in the past twelve months. When asked whether they had a problem because they could not afford the services, 14.3% of parents reported that they had. Since only 6.5% of children lacked health insurance coverage at the time of the survey, and 8.3% lacked it at any time in the past 12 months, this indicates that even for some parents with health insurance, the coverage is not adequate to pay for all needed health care services.
- Parents of children with special health care needs were more likely to report that they had a problem getting medical care because they could not afford the services (21.0%<sup>‡</sup>). Those whose children were not covered by health insurance (42.1%<sup>‡</sup>), and those living below 200% of poverty (0 to 100% of poverty, 24.7%<sup>‡</sup>; 101 to 200% of poverty, 22.4%<sup>‡</sup>) were also more likely to give that response.
- Parents of the youngest children (age 0 to 2) were least likely to report that they were unable to afford care for their child (6.3%<sup>‡</sup>).
- Parents were most likely to report problems getting dental and medical care. Overall, 8.5% said they had problems getting dental care because of cost. For all reasons combined (including availability, referrals, appointments, and insurance coverage problems), parents indicated that they delayed or had problems getting:
  - Medical care (12.1%)
  - Dental care (13.6%)
  - Eye care (1.1%)
  - Mental health care (1.6%)
  - Other care (1.7%)

<sup>‡</sup> Comparisons that were found to be statistically significant have been marked with a “<sup>‡</sup>.” All other comparisons were not statistically significant, and should be interpreted with caution.

**Could Not Afford Services: Percentage of Respondents Who Could Not Afford Medical, Dental, Eye Care, Mental Health Care Or Other Services (Questions E3 and E3A) by Selected Demographic Characteristics, Utah Children Age 0-17, 2000.**

Demographic Subgroup	Utah Population Distribution		Survey Estimates of No. of Respondents Who Could Not Afford Services		
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>	Percentage of Respondents Who Could Not Afford Services	Number of Children <sup>1,3</sup>	Percentage Distribution of Respondents Who Could Not Afford Services by Category
Could Not Afford Services					
Any Provider	14.3%	100,400			
No Problem	85.7%	603,100			
Total, All Children 0-17	100.0%	703,500			
Sex					
Males	51.3%	361,100	14.7% ± 2.3%	53,200	53.0%
Females	48.7%	342,300	13.8% ± 2.3%	47,200	47.0%
Total, All Children 0-17	100.0%	703,500	14.3% ± 1.7%	100,400	100.0%
Age Group					
0 to 2	19.3%	135,700	6.3% ± 2.4%	8,500	8.6%
3 to 5	17.5%	123,100	13.6% ± 3.8%	16,700	16.9%
6 to 11	32.2%	226,300	17.1% ± 3.2%	38,600	39.0%
12 to 17	31.1%	218,500	16.1% ± 2.8%	35,100	35.5%
Total, All Children 0-17	100.0%	703,500	14.3% ± 1.7%	100,400	100.0%
Sex and Age					
Male, 0 to 2	9.9%	69,700	5.6% ± 2.6%	3,900	3.9%
Male, 3 to 5	9.0%	63,200	12.1% ± 5.0%	7,600	7.7%
Male, 6 to 11	16.5%	116,300	18.8% ± 4.7%	21,900	22.1%
Male, 12 to 17	15.9%	112,000	17.4% ± 3.9%	19,500	19.7%
Female, 0 to 2	9.4%	66,000	7.2% ± 4.3%	4,700	4.7%
Female, 3 to 5	8.5%	59,800	15.2% ± 5.7%	9,100	9.2%
Female, 6 to 11	15.6%	110,000	15.4% ± 4.1%	16,900	17.0%
Female, 12 to 17	15.1%	106,500	14.7% ± 3.9%	15,600	15.7%
Total, All Children 0-17	100.0%	703,500	14.3% ± 1.7%	100,400	100.0%
Child Has Special Healthcare Needs?					
Yes	12.6%	88,600	21.0% ± 3.5%	18,600	18.5%
No	87.4%	614,900	13.3% ± 1.7%	81,700	81.5%
Total, All Children 0-17	100.0%	703,500	14.3% ± 1.7%	100,400	100.0%
Health Insurance Coverage					
Yes	93.5%	657,800	12.3% ± 1.6%	81,100	80.9%
No	6.5%	45,700	42.1% ± 9.2%	19,200	19.1%
Total, All Children 0-17	100.0%	703,500	14.3% ± 1.7%	100,400	100.0%

**Could Not Afford Services: Percentage of Respondents Who Could Not Afford Medical, Dental, Eye Care, Mental Health Care Or Other Services (Questions E3 and E3A)**  
**by Selected Demographic Characteristics, Utah Children Age 0-17, 2000.** **(Continued from Previous Page)**

Demographic Subgroup	Utah Population Distribution		Survey Estimates of No. of Respondents Who Could Not Afford Services			
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>	Percentage of Respondents Who Could Not Afford Services		Number of Children <sup>1, 3</sup>	Percentage Distribution of Respondents Who Could Not Afford Services by Category
Hispanic						
Yes	9.0%	63,300	17.2%	± 6.2%	10,900	10.9%
No	91.0%	640,200	14.0%	± 1.7%	89,500	89.1%
Total, All Children 0-17	100.0%	703,500	14.3%	± 1.7%	100,400	100.0%
Poverty						
0-100%	8.6%	60,500	24.7%	± 7.7%	14,900	14.6%
101-200%	28.6%	201,200	22.4%	± 4.0%	45,100	44.3%
201-300%	29.1%	204,700	15.2%	± 3.5%	31,200	30.6%
Over 300%	33.8%	237,800	4.5%	± 1.5%	10,700	10.5%
Total, All Children 0-17	100.0%	703,500	14.3%	± 1.7%	100,400	100.0%
County of Residence						
Urban	76.8%	540,200	14.3%	± 1.9%	77,400	77.1%
Rural	23.2%	163,300	14.1%	± 3.1%	23,000	22.9%
Total, All Children 0-17	100.0%	703,500	14.3%	± 1.7%	100,400	100.0%

1 Rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

2 Plus or minus 95% confidence interval

3 Figures in these columns may not sum to the total because of missing values on the grouping variables.

\*\*\* Sample size insufficient to produce population estimates

**Problems With Access to *Medical Care* : In Last 12 Months, Had Problems or Delayed Getting Medical Care (Questions E1 and E1A)  
Utah Children Age 0-17, 2000.**

Demographic Subgroup	Survey Estimates	
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>
Provider Would Not Take Insurance	2.0%	1,700
Could Not Find Services in My Area	2.5%	2,200
Could Not Afford Services	3.8%	3,300
Services Not Covered By My Insurance	3.8%	3,300
Could Not Get Referral for Care	1.5%	1,300
Could Not Get Timely Appointment	5.0%	4,400
Problems Getting Medical Care, Any Reason	12.1%	87,200
<u>No</u> Problems With Access to Medical Care	87.9%	616,300
Total, All Children 0-17	100.0%	703,500

**Problems With Access to *Dental Care* : In Last 12 Months, Had Problems or Delayed Getting Dental Care (Questions E2 and E2A)  
Utah Children Age 0-17, 2000.**

Demographic Subgroup	Survey Estimates	
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>
Provider Would Not Take Insurance	3.3%	23,200
Could Not Find Services in My Area	2.1%	14,800
Could Not Afford Services	8.5%	59,800
Services Not Covered By My Insurance	7.7%	54,200
Could Not Get Referral for Care	0.5%	3,500
Could Not Get Timely Appointment	1.9%	13,400
Problems Getting Dental Care, Any Reason	13.6%	96,400
<u>No</u> Problems With Access to Dental Care	86.4%	607,100
Total, All Children 0-17	100.0%	703,500

**Problems With Access to *Eye Doctor* : In Last 12 Months, Had Problems or Delayed Getting Eye Care (Questions E3 and E3A)  
Utah Children Age 0-17, 2000.**

Demographic Subgroup	Survey Estimates	
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>
Provider Would Not Take Insurance	0.2%	1,400
Could Not Find Services in My Area	0.3%	2,100
Could Not Afford Services	0.6%	4,200
Services Not Covered By My Insurance	0.4%	2,800
Could Not Get Referral for Care	***	***
Could Not Get Timely Appointment	0.3%	2,100
Problems With Access to Eye Doctor, Any Reason	1.1%	7,700
<u>No</u> Problems With Access to Eye Doctor	98.9%	695,800
Total, All Children 0-17	100.0%	703,500

**Problems With Access to *Mental Health Care* : In Last 12 Months, Had Problems or Delayed Getting Mental Health Care (Questions E4 and E4A)  
Utah Children Age 0-17, 2000.**

Demographic Subgroup	Survey Estimates	
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>
Provider Would Not Take Insurance	0.3%	2,100
Could Not Find Services in My Area	0.6%	4,200
Could Not Afford Services	0.7%	4,900
Services Not Covered By My Insurance	0.8%	5,600
Could Not Get Referral for Care	0.3%	2,100
Could Not Get Timely Appointment	0.5%	3,500
Problems With Access to Mental Health Care, Any Reason	1.6%	11,300
<u>No</u> Problems With Access to Mental Health Care	98.4%	692,200
Total, All Children 0-17	100.0%	703,500

**Problems With Access to *Other Type of Care* : In Last 12 Months, Had Problems or Delayed Getting Other Type of Care (Questions E5 and E5A)  
Utah Children Age 0-17, 2000.**

Demographic Subgroup	Survey Estimates	
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>
Provider Would Not Take Insurance	0.3%	2,100
Could Not Find Services in My Area	0.3%	2,100
Could Not Afford Services	0.8%	5,600
Services Not Covered By My Insurance	0.7%	4,900
Could Not Get Referral for Care	0.3%	2,100
Could Not Get Timely Appointment	0.3%	2,100
Problems With Access to Other Care, Any Reason	1.7%	12,000
<u>No</u> Problems With Access to Other Care	98.3%	691,500
Total, All Children 0-17	100.0%	703,500

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**Could Not Afford Prescription Medicine: Percentage of Children Who Did Not Get Prescription Medicine Because of Cost, Last 12 Months (Question E7)  
Utah Children Age 0-17, 2000.**

Demographic Subgroup	Utah Population Distribution	
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>
Could Not Afford Prescription Medicine		
Yes	3.4%	24,100
No	96.6%	679,400
Total, All Children 0-17	100.0%	703,500

1 Rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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